

Editor comments on gmd-2021-245

- 1) Please add a subheading at the beginning of section 2 to cover the part prior to present section 2.1.
- 2) Consider removing the background color in Figs. 3-5 and the last panels in Figs. A6+A7. For better readability and consistency consider fixing the plotting of bar pairs with missing data for species w/ or w/o validation points in Figs. A6+A7 (e.g. "Critically Endangered" in A6)
- 3) Confirm image credits and check color-blind friendliness as lined out in the editorial office's notification.